

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

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REMARKS

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

Dealing with preliminary matters first, Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to priority and receipt of the priority document.

Information Disclosure Statement:

The Examiner has placed the Information Disclosure Statement in the file, but has not considered the references cited therein. For the Examiner's convenience, attached to this e-mail are copies of the references cited in the search report along with an PTO SB/08 A & B form citing each of the foreign references cited therein. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these references before allowance of the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. In order to overcome the Examiner's rejection, Applicant has amended claims 1, 5 and 7, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-8 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) of the Office Action. Applicant has amended the claims in the manner proposed by the Examiner. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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